

MEDIA ADVISORY

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What: Meeting of the Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC)

When: 10:00 AM -- 4:00 PM; Wednesday, October 18, 1995

Where: Holiday Inn Oakland/San Francisco Bay Bridge, 1800 Powell Street, Emeryville, CA 94608.

The Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC) will meet to discuss several issues including: review of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program problem definition, objectives, mission and geographic scope; discussion of actions and action categories related to problems in the Bay-Delta system; and other program components. The meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the BDAC or may file written statements for consideration.

Supplementary Information:

The San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta System) is a critically important part of California's natural environment and economy. In recognition of the serious problems facing the region and the complex resource management decisions that must be made, the State of California and the Federal government are working together to stabilize, protect, restore, and enhance the Bay-Delta Estuary. The State and Federal agencies with management and regulatory responsibilities in the Bay-Delta Estuary are working together as CALFED to provide policy direction and oversight for the process.

One area of Bay-Delta management includes the establishment of a joint State-Federal process to develop long-term solutions to problems in the Bay-Delta System related to water quality, ecosystem quality, water supply reliability, and natural disasters. The intent is to develop a comprehensive and balanced plan which addresses all of the resource problems. This effort will be carried out under the policy direction of CALFED. A group of citizen advisors representing California's agricultural, environmental, urban, business, fishing, and other interests who have a stake in finding long-term solutions for the problems affecting the Bay-Delta Estuary has been chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) as the Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC) to advise CALFED on the program mission, problems to be addressed, and objectives for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. BDAC will also provide a forum to help ensure public participation, and will review reports and other materials prepared by CALFED staff.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, Suite 1155, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday within 30 days following the meeting.

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service